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1. The following airfields are now occupied by the Soviet Air Force:

- a. Stara Zagora;
- b. Yambol;
- c. Telish (N 43-20, E 24-16);
- d. Gorna Oryakhovitsa (N 43-07, E 25-41); and
- e. Plovdiv.

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2. There are several MIG-15s among the planes at these fields. The fields are hermetically sealed off, and even Bulgarian military personnel are not allowed to visit them.
3. There are large airplane repair shops at Yambol, Telish and Plovdiv. The Plovdiv airfield, in particular, has been developed and modernized. There are two Soviet squadrons at the Plovdiv airfield.
4. A direct rail connection is being constructed between Varna and Balchik in the Rumanian Dobrudzha under the direction of Soviet military engineers. Balchik has become a base for both seaplanes and land planes.
5. The Pleven airfield, 4,000 x 2,000 meters in size, is located 40 kilometers north of the town, near the Pleven-Nikopol railroad line, and south of Gorna Oryakhovitsa. Since the fall of 1952, work has been in progress, mainly with the construction of a large group of barracks. A Bulgarian

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fighter squadron, strength approximately 200 men, is stationed at the Pleven airfield. The squadron is composed of three companies with 22-23 machines, and an attack company with six 2-engine planes.

6. An emergency military airfield is located four miles northeast of Radomir, on the east side of the road connecting Radomir with Dupnitsa (N 42-15, E 23-06). The airfield, 1,700 x 1,000 meters in size, has an undrained but dry meadow, with no obstacles or buildings. In 1952, the area was forbidden for agricultural use, and since then, about 60 workmen have been leveling and improving the field.

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